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GOULD ACADEMY NOTES

WOODSTOCK HIGH SWAMPED

Goold Academy Uses Two Teams and Wins Game 47-13

Goold Academy invaded Bryant's Pond and completely outclassed Woodstock High School on Friday evening. Owing to the small floor the game had a tendency toward roughness.

Kenniston, Brown and Austin performed well for the victors while Captain Willard fought gamely for the losers. In the last period Coach Kennedy of Goold used all his second string men. The line up:

GOULD	G	FG	PTS
S. Brown, rf.	9	3	21
Hamlin, rf.	0	0	0
E. Stanley, lf.	0	0	0
Cookery, lf.	2	1	5
Austin, c.	0	1	2
C. York, c.	0	0	0
Cap. Kenniston, rg.	4	0	8
Parsons, rg.	0	0	0
Hamlin, lg.	0	0	0
Kendall, lg.	0	0	0
Totals	21	5	47

WOODSTOCK	G	FG	PTS
Willard, rf.	2	4	8
Deshon, lf.	0	2	2
Emery, c.	1	1	2
Dudley, c.	0	0	0
Tyler, rg.	0	0	0
Dudley, rg.	0	0	0
Farnham, lg.	0	0	0
Totals	3	7	13

Referee, Farnham. Timer, Robinson. Scorer, Eames.

JUNIORS WIN

The Juniors defeated the Sophomores Friday afternoon in the lowest score and best defensive game of the season. The defense of both teams was very good. Keddy and Hamlin played well for the victors while Marshall and E. Wheeler excelled for the losers. Summary:

JUNIORS	G	FG	PTS
Cook, lf.	0	0	0
Keddy, rf.	4	1	9
Hamlin, c.	1	1	2
French, rg.	0	0	0
Foster, lg.	0	0	0
Totals	5	2	11

SOPHOMORES

SOPHOMORES	G	FG	PTS
E. Wheeler, lf.	0	0	0
Robinson, rf.	1	0	2
Marshall, c.	1	0	2
H. Wheeler, rg.	0	0	0
E. Bryant, lg.	0	0	0
Gibbs, lg.	0	0	0
Totals	2	0	4

SENIORS TAKE ANOTHER

The Seniors added another to their already long string by taking the measure of the class of 1929 by 53-8. From the start it was just a question of how big the score would be. Glover, Wentzel and Gregory played well for the Freshmen while York and Matheson were the two mainstays of the Senior team. The Seniors are yet to be defeated. Summary:

SENIORS	G	FG	PTS
Eames, rf.	6	2	14
Berrie, rf.	3	0	6
Matheson, lf.	6	0	12
York, c.	9	2	20
Mason, rg.	0	0	0
Revere, lg.	0	0	0
Totals	24	4	52

FRESHMEN

FRESHMEN	G	FG	PTS
Brown, rf.	1	2	4
Wentzel, lf.	0	1	2
Hascock, c.	0	1	2
Bell, rg.	1	0	2
Glover, lg.	0	0	0
Gregory, lg.	0	0	0
Totals	2	4	8

GOULD BASKETBALL TEAM TO BE

THAT THURSDAY, DEC. 17

Goold Academy basketball team, both boys and girls, meet the team from Graydon, N. H., Thursday evening, Dec. 17, in the William Hingham Gymnasium. Graydon is boasting an unusually strong outfit this year with about the same personnel as last year's team, whereas Goold has but one man of last year's team, Captain Kenniston. Graydon is coming to Bethel confident of reversing past defeats, but Goold is improving every day and is out to win its third straight victory.

Theodore Hattis, former Edward Little basketball star, now a Bowler at Springfield College, will handle the whistle. Hattis is a member of the Mass. State Board of Basketball Officials.

G. F. Kennedy, Gray's Physical Director, devoted the Friday and Monday gymnasium periods to examinations.

MASONIC INSTALLATION

The installation of the officers of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., was held at Masonic Hall last Thursday evening. A delicious supper was served to about sixty at 6:30. After supper a social hour was spent and at eight o'clock the installation ceremonies began. The work was pleasingly and delightfully done by D. D. G. M. Arthur M. Packard of the 26th district, assisted by G. M. Adam Young and G. C. Fred E. Thomas of Rumford. Following the installation a short program was enjoyed, consisting of selections by Herick's Orchestra, reading by Carrie Wright, vocal solo by Arthur Dodley and a piano solo by Lucella Matheson.

The officers installed are as follows: M. W.—William J. MacKay; S. W.—Ernest F. Bishop; J. W.—John M. Harrington; Secretary—Fred H. Merrill; Treasurer—A. Van Den Kerkhoven; S. D.—Clarence W. Hall; J. D.—Louis Van Den Kerkhoven; S. S.—Earl Davis; J. S.—Henry W. Boyker; Tyler—David M. Forbes.

Apparatus examinations on the parallel bars, horse, and mats were given. Competitive marching was also a part of the program. These tests will form a basis on which to grade the individuals, but general attitude and effort will be taken into consideration.

GOULD ACADEMY HONOR LIST FOR

LAST HALF OF FALL TERM

The following students have maintained a rank of ninety per cent or over in all their subjects for the six weeks ending December 4, 1926.

Seniors: Marian Bean, Elizabeth Coffin, Charles Mason, Frances Lane, Elizabeth Mason, Kenneth Stanley, Hubert Stevens.

Juniors: Edna Bean, Freddie Clark, Wallace Saunders, Priscilla York.

Sophomores: Earl Bryant, Louise Cummings, Marjorie Kewell, Josephine Lowell, Fay Mitchell, Helen Morton, Carolyn Wheeler, Hedley Wheeler.

Freshmen: Adelaide Bean, Rebecca Carter, Carolyn Cushman, Charles Freeman, Elton Glover, Homer Gregory, Amy Hanson.

The Girl Reserves held their annual Christmas Sale in the William Hingham Gymnasium Wednesday afternoon. The Girl Reserves will have charge of chapel exercises on Thursday morning when a short Christmas program will be presented. Marian Bean of the Senior class will act as leader.

Mr. Clifford Parsons, Instructor of Manual Training, passed the week end at his home in Auburn.

The moving picture David Copperfield, recently shown in the Gymnasium, under the auspices of The Twentieth Century Club, was much enjoyed by the school and friends of the Club. This was the first of several pictures to be put on the screen during the winter. School closes on Friday for a vacation of two weeks.

Miss Inez Farris, Goold 1922, was one of the speakers at the laying of the corner stone of the new William Hingham Athletic Building at Bates College on Monday. Miss Farris is President of the Women's Student Government Board, and in this capacity spoke for the women of the college.

A musical comedy by Raymond Chapman, Goold 1922, is to be the outstanding feature of the Y. W. Bazaar to be held at Bates College on Wednesday afternoon and evening of the present week. Miss Margaret Hanson of Bethel is a member of the cast.

Mrs. Adelle K. Mason announces the engagement of her daughter, Clara Rytve, to Mr. Edmund Coo Smith.

The Citizen office has been a busy place for the past week and we hope our readers will excuse the lateness of this issue. Printing the Academy Herald, trying to work on the paper and collecting taxes was a little too much for the size of the crew.

Mr. William H. Mason and Mrs. Bertha Harding, both of Mason, were united in marriage at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. E. T. Ackersback on Wednesday, Dec. 16. The single ring service was used. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

Mr. H. I. Bean, one local fur buyer, brought in to the place of the Citizen last Saturday a few furs picked from his stock for our inspection. They included coon, mink, Canadian lynx, bobcat, fisher cat, red fox, otter, black muskrat and they were the handsomest furs we have ever seen. Mr. Bean reports a good season and excellent furs.

BETHEL AND VICINITY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oikie, a son, Dec. 15th.

Hon. H. H. Hastings was a business visitor in Portland, Wednesday.

Miss Mary Tibbitts has been confined to the house with the mumps.

Mr. F. J. Tyler was a business visitor in Portland the first of the week.

Mrs. J. P. Skillings and Mrs. Elmer Young were in Portland last week.

Mr. Charles Hubert of Portland is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hubert.

Mr. E. M. Walker left Thursday for St. Petersburg, Fla., where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. Marshall Hastings, who has been visiting relatives in Auburn, has returned home.

Hon. H. H. Hastings and E. C. Park, Esq., attended Probate Court at South Paris, Tuesday.

A crew of New England Telephone Co. men are in town putting up new telephone wires.

The Sons of Veterans will hold their regular meeting next Thursday evening in the Legion Rooms.

Mr. Charles Merrill has a row which gave birth to twin calves last Sunday. They are alive and healthy.

Miss Minnie Capen and Miss Rebecca Carter are occupying the room in the P. C. Lapham house on Clark Street.

Mrs. Hilda Ives of Portland has been asked to lecture at the January meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Mrs. Charles Davis, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wormald, and family of Woodford, has returned home.

The Central Maine Power Co. has about ready to connect up with the local electric system, thus making another link on the immense system of the C. M. P. Co.

Friends of Sewell Goldwin of Haverhill will be sorry to hear that he is critically ill at his home in that town as the result of a fall sustained in his barn one day recently.

The Academy Herald will be ready for sale on Friday of this week. It contains 39 pages of reading material and 23 pages of advertisements. Copies can be purchased of the business manager, Kenneth Stanley.

The editor called on H. E. Day at Locke's Mill, Sunday, and while there he had a chance to look at some furs Mr. Day had accumulated this fall in his trapping project. Mr. Day is a tax collector for the town of Greenwood and works in the Bethel's wool mill, except for a few weeks in the fall season when he has what he calls a vacation and does a little trapping along with the tax collecting job.

CARD OF THANKS

To all those who in any way made my stay in the hospital cheerful by gift or card, I wish to extend my sincere thanks. MRS. JOHN POOLE.

BETHEL A. A. DEFEATS UPTON TOWN TEAM

In one of the fastest games ever played in Bethel, Bethel defeated Upton 29 to 15 on Tuesday evening of last week. Bethel played the same lifeless game as they played against Goold during the first half and Upton led 13 to 9. The second period found a new Bethel team and for the first time this year team work was in evidence. Patterson, Young and Keenan presented a whirlwind offense which Upton could not stop. Bethel's defense speaks for itself as only one goal was registered by Upton during the second half. Summary:

BETHEL	G	FG	PTS
Keenan, lf.	4	1	2
Young, rf.	4	0	8
Patterson, c.	4	0	8
Barbitt, rg.	1	2	4
Van, lg.	0	0	0
Totals	13	3	39

UPTON	G	FG	PTS
Laan, rf.	2	0	0
B. Brown, lf.	2	2	4
Coleby, c.	2	1	2
Jackson, lg.	0	0	0
C. Brown, rg.	0	0	0
Totals	6	3	15

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY PROGRAMS AT THE CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Processional
Opening Chorus, Choir
Scripture Reading, Paul Chapman
Prayer, Pastor
"Welcome," June Baker
Class Song
Recitation, Murray Thurston
Recitation, Madeline Hall
Recitation, Sidney Howe
Recitation, Barbara Lyon
Recitation, Elizabeth Lyon
Recitation, Aza Burgess, Jr.
Recitation, Irene Blake
Recitation, Katherine Wright
Recitation, Adele Greenleaf
Recitation, Richard Marshall
Recitation, Parker Brown
Recitation, Edward Wheeler
Recitation, Warren Tyler
Song, Kathryn Brinck, Rosalind Rowe
Exercise, Sheridan Chapman, Clarence Poole, Arthur Bennett, Robert Chapman, Alice Tyler, Mary Tibbitts

Exercise, Belin Warren, Margaret Tibbitts, Virginia Chapman, June Estes, Joyce Chapman

Collection Speech, Henry Hastings, Jr. Song, Wilma and Marguerite Hall

Recitation, Sally Chapman
Exercise, Maurice Poole, Norris Brown, Manning Chapman, Ernest Brown, Douglas Sawyer

Song, Hildred, Phyllis, Lois and Beanie Barbitt
Recitation, Raymond Tyler
Recitation, Bertha Cross
Recitation, Roma Warren
Recitation, Barbara Heath
Recitation, Sylvia Merrill
Recitation, Rommie Thurston
Recitation, Eleanor Lyon

"Goodnight," Mrs. Valentine's Class
Benediction, Alonzo Chapman, Jr.

METHODIST CHURCH

"The Adoration of the Kings and Shepherds," the Christmas pageant, will be presented Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.
No pains have been spared to make this the best possible reproduction of the original Bethlehem conditions two thousand years ago. Twelve angels set as attendants of Shepherds and Kings. The songs of the choir interpret the exact stage of the drama story. The manger scene with Joseph, Mary and the babe of Bethlehem constitutes the central figure. There are four shepherds and three Kings with their attendants. The final dress rehearsal will be on Friday evening. The stage will be made larger and all the necessary equipment will be prepared. There is a place in the pageant for the congregation to make a Christmas offering which will be a local fund to be used throughout the year in worthy benevolent ways.

The general committee is Mrs. Bertha Wheeler, chairman, Mrs. P. C. Lapham, Mrs. Leslie Davis, Mr. C. B. Oliver. Mrs. C. B. Oliver supervises the music.

There is a duet by Miss Shirley Benson and Miss Adelaide Bean during the manger scene.
Mr. Lyman Wheeler takes the part of Joseph and Miss Marian Bean is Mary. The three Kings are Messrs. Leslie Davis, Albert Gibbs, Lester Wood.

The Shepherds are: Wendell Gibbs, Hedley Wheeler, Wilton Barbitt Shepherd boy, Earl Davis.

The angels are: Mrs. Stanley Wentzel, Mrs. Leslie Davis, Mrs. Paul Davis, Miss Flora Swan, Miss Adelaide Bean, Miss Shirley Benson, Miss Beryl Brown, Mrs. A. H. Gibbs, Miss Mabel Herrick, Miss Inez Vail, Miss Edna Merrill, Miss Vera Berry.

The King's attendants are: Oxy Gibbs, Richard Davis, Arthur Gibbs.

Mrs. Fred Clark returned from Arlington, Mass., Saturday, where she spent three weeks with her son, Albert Clark, and family.

Mrs. Philip Brown is substituting for Mr. Henry Flint in the post office. Mr. Flint is confined to the house with the mumps.

Mrs. William Young accompanied her brother, Albert Young, to New Bedford, Mass., last week where they attended the funeral of Mr. Young's wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Jameson Finney of Dixfield were Thursday's guests of Mrs. and Mr. Young and attended the installation of the officers of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M.

THE J. E. JONES LETTER

THE PRESIDENTIAL OPINION

The old custom of "standing behind the President" when he delivers a message has passed. Instead it is as much open to criticism as a newspaper editorial, and two men rarely agree upon the qualities of a production of that sort. Consequently, Washington proceeded to make a football out of the President's message before the ink was cold upon the type from which it was printed. The President's message was read by a clerk, and the galleries of the House were not filled. The radio was as silent as Calvin himself. A State paper was read with Coolidge returning from Chicago, like Sheridan, "miles away."

MAJOR QUESTIONS

The "wise men" of the Nation are considering taxation. That's "poetry!" But their consideration is very proxy. The President says that the House bill goes farther than he would have gone in increasing exemptions. The measure is being fought out in behalf of different classes of people who are looking for exemptions, exceptions, compensations and loopholes. Taxation is a common disease in America.

The President recommends three new assistant secretaries in the Department of Commerce, War, and Navy, to handle air service matters. Evidently he is not afraid of holding a lonesome opinion, since he says "our country is not behind in the art of flying."

Disarmament, agriculture, prohibition, economy, immigration, war veterans, reclamation civil service, governmental reorganization, and the Negroes, are on the legislative calendar and they will afford interesting problems when Congress is not pulling off its main row about the World Court, the coal industry, foreign debts, and the consolidation of railroads.

The President says that the Federal Trade Commission has reformed its rules and methods of doing business and should now be let alone. Some of the Senators and Representatives believe that the Commission has turned over its bag and baggage to the big interests and instead of letting the Commission alone they propose to hound it in oil.

Recommendations have been made regarding Muscle Shoals. But it will avail little as Muscle Shoals is the Argonne of American politics, and the devil dogs of Congress are going after it, so are the power interests who know that the property is too valuable to overlook.

DAWES AND LONGWORTH

Dawes and Longworth are the new gags in the Senate and the House. Dawes is being chided for showing up in a place where punctuality is a precedent, and pipes are not as full with the nobility. But Dawes will likely do all right as soon as some of the chips are knocked off his shoulder.

Nick Longworth is a classy gentleman and he might have been Speaker a great many years ago except for the fact that he had to live down the handicap of being the Roosevelt son-in-law. He is perhaps the most deservedly popular man in Washington.

He is credited with being industrious, bristly, and fair. Mrs. Longworth has made it a rule of her home to entertain such guests as she considers worth while, or personal friends, independent of their political value. She has created a sort of curiosity as to whether the daughter of Roosevelt will get into the political game to help her husband. Mrs. Longworth has often sat in the reserved gallery of the Senate, and the hope is expressed that she may now patronize the House gallery, because there is some talk that the Speaker of that body may be President of the United States some day. The "self-made man" should be regarded in a new light, because relatives and riches have most certainly never done anything for Nick Longworth as a political factor in Washington. He has lived them down.

Governor General Leonard Wood has been in the Philippines for nearly five years and he couldn't carry his own wardrobe today. Because the Philippines don't take any stock in him and vote down his propositions some of the old-time "imperialists" in Congress want to increase Wood's authority as Governor General. Even under a Republican form of Government unpopular rulers can not get along unless they have enough authority to enable them to repress their subjects.

The business of the country is running in high gear and there is a determination to compel Congress to furnish the highways and make road rules that will permit full speed. In other words, nothing must interfere with the progress of the financial and business interests of the country, and they must have the

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SCHOOL NOTES

Those neither absent nor tardy for the week Dec. 11 in the sixth grade:

Bruce Bailey, Phyllis Barbitt, Tristram Bartlett, Hugh Brown, June Brown, Martha Brown, Roy Burris, Elsie Butlerfield, Barbara Hutchinson, Walter Jenkins, Catherine Lyon, Eleanor Lyon, Dorothy Parsons, Donald Stanley, Frederick Stanley, Lucia Van Den Kerkhoven, Evelyn Whitman.

Those who had 100 in spelling for week of Dec. 7th in Grade IV: Florence Hutchinson, Muriel Brinck, Marion Brinck, Zerfer Swan, Richard Marshall, Marguerite Hall, Maxine Swan, Richard Davis.

Four grade pupils who were not absent or tardy during the week ending Dec. 11:

Ruth Aubin, Eldridge Berry, Marion Brinck, Muriel Brinck, Ernest Brown, Paul Browne, Richard Davis, Arthur Gibbs, Marguerite Hall, Margaret Hamlin, Richard Marshall, Sylvia Merrill, Douglas Sawyer, Warren Reddy, Maxine Swan, Zerfer Swan.

Pupils not absent or tardy for the week ending Dec. 7th in the fifth grade: Norris Brown, Bertha Cross, Sally Chapman, Wilma Hall, Barbara Heath, Harlan Hutchins, Walter Jodie, Emma Judkins, Eldora Merrill, Delmar Morgan, Rosalie Thurston, Winfield Whitman, Maurice Poole.

Those who had 100 in spelling for the week of Dec. 7th in grade five: Walter Jodie, Wilma Hall, Rosalie Thurston.

Not absent or tardy for the week ending Dec. 11 in the 7th and 8th grades: Heryle Browne, Betty Browne, Leona Browne, Charles Chapin, Theodore Eames, Warren Hutchinson, Dorothy Keddy, Ruby Knapp, George Parsons, Harry Vashaw, William Wright, Hildred Barbitt, Laurence Barbitt, Wilbert Barbitt, Wilton Barbitt, Ruth Bennett, Shirley Benson, Florence Blake, Gilbert Brown, Isabel Carter, Barbara Herrick, Kathryn Herrick, Robert Litchfield, Leslie Merrill, Edward Poole, Ashley Tibbitts, Erva Vail.

Those pupils who had 100 in spelling for the week of Dec. 7th in the 7th and 8th grades were:

Wilson Bartlett, Wilbert Barbitt, Edward Poole, Hildred Barbitt, Ashley Tibbitts, Charles Lowe, Dorothy Plandora, Isabel Carter, Theodore Eames, William Wright, Harry Vashaw, Charles Chapin, George Parsons, Warren Blake.

Those in the West Bethel grammar grades having 100 per cent in spelling for the week ending Dec. 17th were: Esther Burris, grade 6; Roger Wheeler, Clara Luston, Frederick Grover, Marion Jordan, grade 8.

MRS. MARY WALSH GROVER

The funeral of Mary, wife of Albert Grover, was held from the home of her sister, Mrs. Hugh Taylor, at 50 Princeton Street, New Bedford, Mass., last week. Solemn high mass of requiem at St. Kilian's church at 9 o'clock was conducted by Rev. J. J. Brady celebrant, Rev. F. P. McKenna, deacon and Rev. Edward Booth, sub-deacon. The bearers were Jeremiah Barry, Michael Thompson, Hugh Plandora, Hugh Shaulson, Romeo Chausse and William Lachemier. Interment was at St. Mary's cemetery.

Flowers were from: Husband, Sisters and Brothers; Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Barry; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hanley, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoggan; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Crossley; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chausse and family; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bergant; Mr. and Mrs. John Dineen; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nowell; Hugh Shanahan; Mr. and Mrs. James Barber; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hickey and family; Friends in Bethel, Me.; Nursing room friends.

Spiritual benedictions: Mrs. Thomas Norton, Mrs. Wilfred Chiquette; Mrs. Ellen Callahan and family; Mrs. Alma Callahan and family; Miss Frances O'Grady; Miss Nellie O'Grady.

Mrs. Grover was the wife of Mr. Albert Grover of Bethel and during her residence in town made many friends who extend sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.

Mr. Jim Potter, who has been in the employ of H. E. Littlefield for the past two months had the misfortune to have his left leg broken below the knee one day last week. He was working in the heavy stable and a horse belonging to Walter Vail kicked him breaking both bones. He was taken to the McCarry Hospital in Rumford where he is resting as comfortable as can be expected.

WANT COLUMN

Twenty-five words or less, one week, 25 cents; second week, 10 cents; each additional week, 10 cents.
Each word more than 25: One week, 1 cent and each additional week, 1 cent. Minimum charge, 25 cents.
Cash most necessary order.

FOR SALE—Drop Head Sewing Machine in A1 condition, also an Underwood Portable Typewriter. E. P. LYON, Bethel, Me. 12-29

BUY CONCORD YARNS direct from manufacturers. Write for free samples of many beautiful shades and better textures. 50¢ per 4 oz. skein. \$2.00 per lb. Postage paid on all orders. Also machine knitting yarns. All wool blankets. Concord Worsted Mills, West Concord, N. H. 12-22-25

WANTED—Nurse, Somerset Hospital, Bangor, Me. 12-29-25

FOR SALE—Stamp wanted before 1890 on original envelope. Look over you old letters. Good prices paid. GEO. A. HITCHCOCK, Ware Mass. 12-23-25

NOTICE—Leave your orders now for Christmas wreaths. D. T. DURBIN, Bethel, Me. 12-23-25

FOR SALE—60-gallon greenhouses all tank, steam boiler, chimney, hot water and hand stoves. D. C. PHILBROOK, Bethel, Me. 12-23

Dear hunting is over for 1925. Hand your skins for birds, etc., to H. L. BEAN, Spring St., Bethel, Me. 12-23

FOR SALE—Dry and green cordwood. CHESTER A. CUMMINGS, Bethel, Me. 12-23-25

FOR SALE—Green wood, any quantity delivered on short notice. JOHN DUBOIS, Bethel, Me. 12-23-25

FOR SALE—Barn for sale. Inquire of HENRIER & PARK, Bethel, Me. 12-23-25

TO LET—Tenement of four rooms, with chance to make an extra room. Inquire on the City Office, Bethel, Me. 12-23-25

NOTICE—Beginning Dec. 28th the following stores will either at 6 o'clock for the winter months or until further notice.

J. H. HAM CO.,
HUMPHREY CHAIN CO.
12-17-25

BETHEL NATIONAL BANK

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said bank in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday, January 22, 1926, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any business that may legally come before said meeting.

HILBERT C. PARK, Cashier.
Bethel, Maine, December 1, 1925
12-23-25

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1925.

Holiday Goods are here

Before you complete your Christmas list come in and inspect our line. You will find practical and useful gifts for the whole family from baby to grandad and grandma. Here are a few suggestions of the varied line we have on hand:

**Handkerchiefs, Slippers, Underwear
Gloves, Mittens, Shirts, Hosiery
Overcoats, Trousers, Neckties
Bath Towels, Bath Robes
Plain and Fancy Sweaters
Hats and Caps**

And many other articles that will make appropriate gifts for every member of the family.

New Things Coming in Each Day

Do your Christmas shopping at the store of

M. A. NAIMEY
Main Street Bethel

GILEAD

Miss Evelyn Black of Bethel was a recent guest at the home of H. E. Wheeler.

Mrs. Mabel Tracy is assisting at Leighton & Cole's store during the Xmas holidays.

Mrs. Geo. Daniels was a recent visitor in Lewiston.

There was a poverty dance and box supper at the town hall last Saturday evening and music was furnished by Lord's orchestra of Bethel.

Mrs. Ada Cole spent the week end with relatives in Portland.

John McBride was in Bethel, N. H. one day last week.

Dr. R. R. Tibbitts was in town last Thursday.

Mabel Kimball of Bryant's Pond spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Mary Filstead.

Dr. W. S. Lord of Portland is spending a few days at the Brown farm.

BONGO POND

Mrs. Allen Walker and two children and Mr. Hereshell Walker were callers at A. B. Kimball's, Monday.

Mrs. Winnie Emery was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Lapham, Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Gorman, Miss Jennie Kimball, Mrs. Evelyn Prescott and Mrs. Carlton Saunders motored to Bethel, N. H. Friday, to do their Christmas shopping.

Mr. Walter Emery was a business caller at A. B. Kimball's, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Juman were callers at the Haggood farm, Sunday.

Miss Ida Gende is spending a few days at Bongo Lake cottage.

"And So Ad Infinitum"

Scientists report that there can go without food for two weeks. But they won't.—Tampa Times.

TRAVELERS—Men and boys making \$25 to \$300 per week with our "Star Match Canadian Snow Boot" for force. Easy and complete instructions \$2.00. Night Brothers, Portland, Me. 12-17-25

NOTICE—Hams and bacon pickled and smoked for the public at 5 cents per pound. W. C. BRYANT, Bethel, Me. 12-17

WANTED—Children's sewing to do. MRS. TRUE HAMER, High Street, Bethel, Me. 12-7-25

FOR SALE—Golf Stockings \$1.50, Double Mittens \$1.00, Single Mittens 75¢, Children's Mittens 40¢, Gloves \$1.25. All colors yarn and hand knitting. MRS. J. J. SPINNEY, Elm St., Bethel, Me. Tel. 104 15. 12-10-25

SOUTH BETHEL

Roderick Marthorne is working for Frank Brooks in the woods.

Frank Currier visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Currier, over the week end.

Henry Brooks visited his brother, E. E. Brooks, and family Sunday.

Ralph Day of East Bethel was in town Saturday.

Leonard Vashaw was at home from Milan, N. H., over the week end.

Emma Cross attended the dance at Bean's Corner, Thursday evening.

Harry Isaacson of Auburn was in town recently with a fine line of dry goods.

Charles Stevens was in town one day last week.

LOOKE'S MILLS

Eben Rand is expected home this week from Yale College for the Christmas recess.

Stanley Wheeler of South Paris was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Bryant of Foxcroft is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Tirrell.

Mrs. King Bartlett was in Norway, Tuesday.

Christmas exercises are being prepared by the scholars of the Sunday School and day school.

MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD

Miss Frances Carter visited Miss Mollie Stanley, Sunday.

They are holding neighborhood socials in this vicinity every Saturday night.

Music and the playing of Rock being the feature of the evening. Cake and coffee served as lunch, also home made candy is generously passed around.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coolidge furnish music on these occasions.

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FRED S. BROWN

Norway, Maine

Shopping for Christmas

is a heap of fun. Everywhere are colors, vivid red and green—silver tinsel that glistens in the Christmas trees like an ice storm in the morning sun. Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, cousins, all buying gifts for each other. Everywhere the spirit of giving; that brings joy to someone else. Prices to suit every purse.

5c Toys to Coats at \$50.00

List of gift articles that may help you with your gift problem:

Gloves
Sweaters
Silk Scarfs
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Silk Dresses
Jersey Dresses
Street Coat
Rain Coat
Slickers
Umbrellas
Patent Leather Belt
Gold and Silver Belt
Fancy Garters
Bed Spreads
Jersey Bloomers

Knickers
Wrist Watch Ribbon
Writing Paper
Handkerchiefs
Collar and Cuff Sets
Flannel Middies
Middy Ties
Jersey Silk Vests
Boudoir Caps
Jersey Silk Union Suits
Kimono
Silk Step-in
Linen Towels
Bath Towels
Tea Cloth
Luncheon Cloth
Table Damask
Portieres
Perquet Sheets
Leather Purse

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Novelty Jewelry
Blankets
Caps

The GOLDEN RULE in PRACTICE

A series of articles by prominent leaders on the Golden Rule as a guide in International Relations.

PLAIN LIVING AND HIGH THINKING

By CHARLES V. VICKREY
General Secretary of the Near East Relief

THE GOLDEN RULE is a universal creed. Everybody accepts it. Most people try to practice it.

Golden Rule Sunday is examination day—a day of plain living and high thinking; of self-measurement by the Golden Rule to see how big we really are.

Golden Rule Sunday comes midway between the feasts of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

On Thanksgiving Day we satisfy ourselves with good things. We survey our broad acres, bulging granaries, and busy factories. We reappraise our unprecedented and soaring wealth of more than three hundred billion dollars, far transcending anything previously or elsewhere known in all the world. Not least are we thankful for government under which life and property are safe.

Truly no people ever had as great reason for gratitude as have we in America on Thanksgiving Day, 1925.

At Christmas we again indulge in feasting and mirth, and share some of our luxuries with relatives and friends, some of whom are sore perplexed to know where to store the gifts that we pour into their well-provided homes.

But on Golden Rule Sunday we express our gratitude and practice "pure religion undefiled before God" in a more vital way by considering "the fatherless and widows in their affliction" who, as worthy as we, by the vicissitudes of war, are bereft of everything. They have no lands, no granaries, no bank accounts, no savings, no employment, no homes, no food, except as the Golden Rule gives a vital reality in their lives.

It is proposed that on Golden Rule



Sunday, all persons who are disposed to make a practical application of the Golden Rule, provide for their Sunday dinner approximately the same menu that is provided, when funds permit, by Near East Relief for the tens of thousands of orphaned children in its care, most of whom are under twelve years of age.

Having partaken of the orphanage meal and entered into fellowship with the children overseas, we are asked to make such provision for them for the 365 days of the year as we should like to have made for ourselves, or for our children, if conditions were reversed.

Golden Rule Sunday will be observed throughout the United States in December, on behalf of the Near East Relief. This series of articles, by prominent public men who are supporters and spokesmen for this great philanthropy, is designed to call public attention to the background and purpose of the work and its need for general support.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
Chapman Street
Sunday School at 10.00 A. M.
Sunday services at 10.45 A. M.

METHODIST CHURCH

"The Singing Church"

Chester Bradford Oliver, Minister.

Special events—Event number one.

Next Sunday evening "The Adoration of the Kings and Shepherds." All Church School pupils will please bring to their class next Sunday morning special gifts to be presented by the chosen messenger of the class or department.

All will have the opportunity to contribute to this special "White Christmas" during the pageant on Sunday evening. Final dress rehearsal Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Event Number Two—

Special Yuletide Community Service Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, at 7.30 P. M., in the Methodist church. Subject, "The Enemy."

Event Number Three—

Junior Jubilee, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23. All boys and girls of the Junior Department are invited to this special Junior affair.

A. Outside winter sports.

B. Inside Bats.

If the day is not fair the entire program will be "inside."

Event Number Four—

Little Folks Christmas Tree—On Thursday afternoon, the day before Christmas, under the leadership of Miss Myrtle Wilson the Primary and Beginners Department will have a never-to-be forgotten afternoon all their own in the down stairs rooms 2 to 4 p. m. Special invitation is given to the Cradle Roll children and parents. Others are welcome and urged to help make this a Little People's good time for Little People.

Two Christmas trees will be provided and decorated and a real Santa will call if notified.

Regular worship hours:

Church School at a quarter of ten.

Worship at a quarter of eleven. Special music. Subject, How are you looking? This message contains three important Christmas truths direct from the life of Jesus.

Eggnorth League at 6:15-7:15, may and may not be held. Notice will be given. However, on the League Bulletin board Sunday by the First Vice President, Mr. Evans Wilson. Subject, Christmas Carol Service, Luke 2:8-14.

No notice, no service. That's easy. If there is a League on Sunday plus the evening pageant we will not be like the Chinaman who said: "You like my tracks, I make some more." We will be there 25 to 25 strong!

The last Tuesday of the month will be a New Year service at the church.

I Devotions, Rev. C. B. Oliver, speaker

II Church School business,

Mr. P. C. Lapham

III Church Business, Rev. C. B. Oliver

IV Refreshments, the spirit of the New Year

V Social hour,

Mrs. C. B. Oliver, in charge

VI Prayer by many

VII To bed

LOCKE'S MILLS CHURCH

C. B. Oliver, Minister

Church School, 1:30-2:30.

Worship, 2:30-3:30.

Communion next Sunday. Special music. Sermon, No Room In The Inn.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. S. T. Achenbach, Minister

Thursday, Dec. 17, 3 o'clock: Meeting of the Ladies' Club with Mrs. Valentine.

Sunday Dec. 20:

10:45. Christmas Sunday services of worship, with Christmas sermon.

12:00. Church School.

7:00. Christmas Sunday evening service, with younger members of the church school participating. Kindly note that an offering will be received which will be devoted to the still greatly needed work of the Near East Relief. We as Christians and good Americans must not "get tired" of hearing of this magnificent American work calculated as it is, not to Americanize Armenian and Greek orphans, but to train them for good citizenship just where they are. They are taught by teachers of their own race, while Americans support and manage the work. We can not imagine how grateful are these children for the shelter we have provided for them, every monthful they eat, every garment they wear; for all they have comes from us and all they will have for a few years to come will come from us. There is no other source of supply for them. Let your Christ-touched heart prompt your Christmas hand to contribute worthily.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. Chas. Eastonhouse, Minister

Morning service at 10:45. Special Christmas services and music by Mr. Chapin and Mrs. Hastings and the regular choir. Sermon subject, "The Real Jesus."

Sunday School at 12 o'clock.

Evening service at 7:15. Concert by the children.

Christmas entertainment and tree Dec. 24th at the church. Supper served at 6:30 o'clock.

Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Methodist church special Yuletide Community service. Lecture during the evening.

Been So a Long Time

The popularity of June as a month for marriage is inherited from the Greeks and Romans. The goddess Juno, to whom the month was dedicated, was the patroness of marriage.

Snakes and Leprosy

Snakes are eaten by the Chinese, natives of Australia and by those of many other countries, but the flesh is reckoned unwholesome and liable to occasion leprosy.

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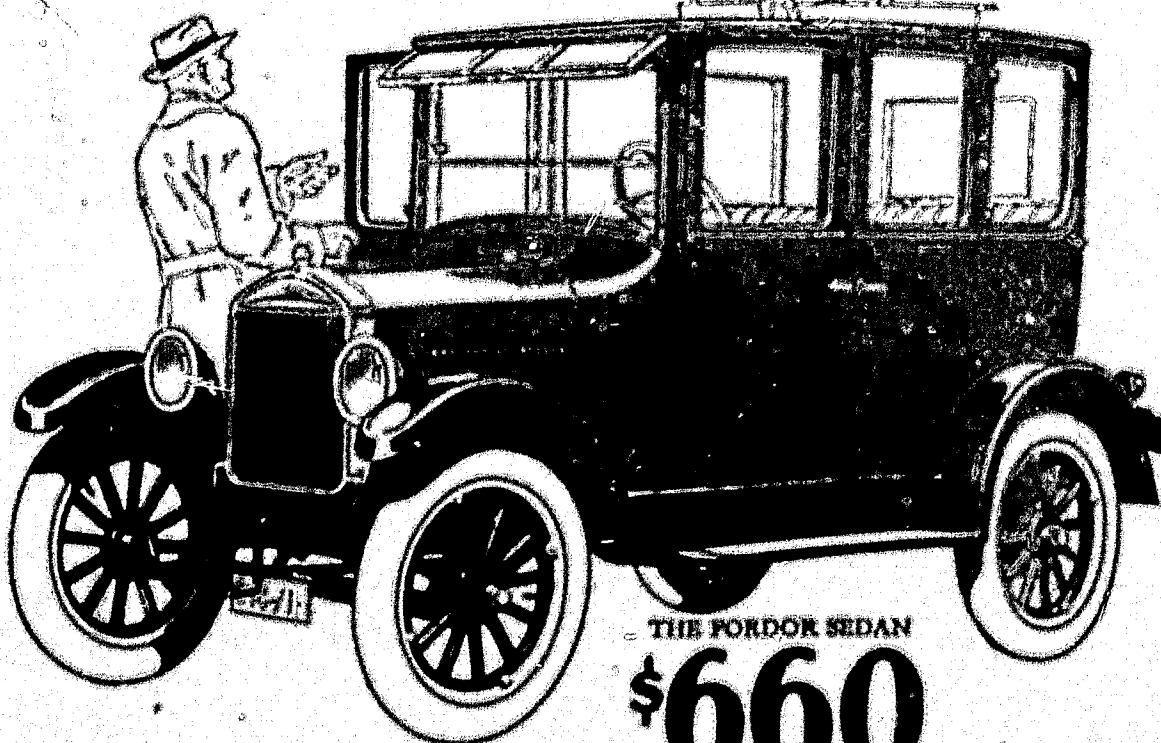
BETHEL. MAINE

Ford

Christmas Suggests This Judicious Purchase

The Fordor Sedan is an ideal Christmas gift for the whole family—an attractive and practical all-year car. It is finished in deep Windsor Maroon, with interior upholstery to harmonize. Nickle-plated radiator, low, deep seats, wide doors, hooded sun visor and large fenders. See this good-looking car at the salesroom of the nearest Authorized Ford Dealer. Easy terms gladly arranged.

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May be found at the store that has something for every member of the family.

BOOKS

All the popular fiction.

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Patterns, Yarns and Threads.

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All the newest shades and colorings. Fancy stripes, figures and assorted color combinations. The largest display of beautiful neckwear we have ever shown.

LADIES' GOODS

A great assortment to choose from. Bags, Aprons, Handkerchiefs, Dress Patterns, House Dresses, Kimonas, Yokes and Collars, Underwear.

LADIES' COATS AND DRESSES

Newest styles, right from New York.

Appropriate Gift Suggestions

Beautiful Neckties

Silk-Lined Gloves

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Silk Armlets and Garters

in Fancy Boxes

Cuff Pins

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Scarf Pins

Stationery

Linen Collars and Cuffs

Bath Robes

Pajamas

Ladies' and Gentlemen's

Umbrellas

Silk Hose

Little Hose

Cashmere Hose

Sweaters

Hats and Caps

"Arrow" White and

Fancy Shirts

Night Shirts

Suits

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Reefers

Our hardware department offers many more suggestions with its Snow Shoes, Skates, Skis, Sleds, Jackknives, Safety Razors, Carving Sets, Oil Stoves, and many other useful articles.

SHOP EARLY

CARVER'S

STOP THAT BACKACHE!

Many Bethel Folks Have Found the Way.

Is a dull, nerve-racking backache wearing you out? Do you feel older and slower than you should? Are you tired, weak and nervous; and it is impossible to be happy, or enjoy the good times around you? Then there's something wrong and likely it's your kidneys. Why not get at the cause? The Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Your neighbors recommend Doan's. Read what this Bethel resident says:

O. B. Wheeler, R. F. D. 2, says: "I had a dull, heavy ache across my back that kept on steadily. I was bothered with my kidneys, too, and I had to get up a couple of times every night to use the bathroom. For my kidneys were weak and disordered. I used Doan's Pills which I bought at Hester's Drug Store, and was soon rid of kidney trouble."

Price 25¢, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Pills—the name that Mr. Wheeler had. Foster-McBride Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

CANTON

A pleasing occasion was the dedication of the vestry of the Universalist Church at Canton, Saturday evening when the Universalists and their friends in a goodly number were present. A fine supper was served at six o'clock. Following this all repaired to the church where a pleasing address was given by Rev. Stanley Manning of Augusta, State chap. of Universalist Churches. The vestry which has been under construction for several weeks past was completed a few days ago and an informal dedication was planned to celebrate the happy event, which was most gratifying to all concerned. The committee appointed to have charge of the ceremony consisted of the vestry was John H. Forbes, R. W. Butterfield, Mrs. Ella H. Gilbert, Mrs. Nora Street and Mrs. Elsie H. York.

Mrs. Stella Kibbreth Marston, wife of Abraham O. Marston of East Hartford, passed away Tuesday afternoon following a check which she suffered on Monday. Mrs. Marston had been in poor health for the past year or two. She was born in Hartford, Nov. 12, 1867, a daughter of Alexander L. Kibbreth and Clara Marston Kibbreth. On March 3, 1888, she married Abraham O. Marston of Hartford, where they have since resided. They had four children, namely: Eva, the wife of Charles T. Bryant, of Livermore; Wilder, who was wounded by a machine gun in the World War and died in France; Earl, who died when in training at Haverhill, N. H., during the war; and Allen, who lives at home. Her husband and two children are survived by two grandchildren, Eva Bryant and Mark B. Marston, and two brothers, Maurice D. Kibbreth of Tanta and William of Massachusetts. Mrs. Marston was a member of Canton Orange. John A. Dodge Relief Corps and East Hartford Sewing Circle. The funeral was held at the home Friday. Rev. P. M. Laph of Mechanic Falls officiating. The floral tributes included offerings from the Orange, Corps, Circle and the school. The interment was at Maple Grove cemetery, Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walker have been attending the State Orange at Bangor. Miss Mildred Fenn, who has been visiting in Bethel and Scotland, has returned to Canton and will stop with Mrs. Blanche Richardson for the winter. There was the lower list for the second six weeks of Canton High School and Arthur Dickey, Dorothy Moore, Stanley Fisher and Melba Allen.

Fred Tripp of Boston has been visiting his family at the Point.

Mrs. Emma Stratton of Rumford Center has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lida Abbott.

Hartley Nickerson, who is recovering from a surgical operation, has been ill with tonsillitis.

At the meeting of Pocomish Rebekah Lodge, Friday evening, the degree was conferred on two candidates and refreshments served.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Moore of So. Livermore have been guests of Mrs. Cora Fuller.

Albert Adams, who has been quite ill, is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Wall have named their little daughter Ariene Gladys.

Mrs. Fred Farham and Mrs. May Gray of West Peru and Arthur Robinson of Portland have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bicknell.

The Universalist sale and supper Thursday evening at the Opera House was successful and netted a good sum. A fine entertainment was given in the afternoon.

The high school repeated their drama, "The Adventures of Grandpa," at the Opera House, Thursday evening in a good house.

Mrs. Cora B. Fuller left Saturday for Cohasset, Mass., where she will spend some time with her son, Ralph Fuller, and family.

Miss Mildred A. Richardson, R. N., who is assistant superintendent at Fairview Hospital, Great Barrington, Mass., will resign her position and plans to go to St. Petersburg, Fla., on Jan. 7th for the winter.

WEST PARIS

Rev. P. W. French, representing the School of Religious Instruction, preached at the M. E. Chapel, Sunday evening. Previous to the meeting the eight boys, Gerald Day, Thomas Perkins, Harold Buck, Cyrus Wardwell, Eugene Penley, Robert Penley, Edward Burnham, Gerry Emery, gave their reports of the boys conference at Portland.

Mrs. Alice Welcome of Watkinson is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Barden, on account of the illness of her mother at Bryant's Pond where she was visiting her sister, Mrs. Currier.

Mrs. Ruth Davine was at Norway, Tuesday, to attend the funeral of her mother, Claude Frost.

Judge Stearns of Rumford was a guest Monday night at the home of Mrs. Ruth Davine.

Union Christmas exercises will be held at the Universalist church Sunday, Dec. 20, as follows:

Music—O Come All Ye Faithful Anthem—Hark the Herald Angels Sing Song—O Little Town of Bethlehem Scripture—Luke 2:1-9.

Rev. E. H. Glover, Solo, Male voices with chorus.

Prayer. Rev. Menor B. Forbes. Response—Silent Night. Reader and Little Children. Song and Offertory—Holy Night.

Marjorie Hill, Hymn—As Men of Old.

Agarant—The Perfect Ring. Twenty-five children from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Miss Nellie Nicholson of Lewiston was the guest of Miss Agnes Gray a few days last week.

Miss Melba Ricker was the guest of Mrs. George D. Robertson at So. Paris, Friday.

Mrs. Gay A. Smith is gaining slowly from her recent illness, and is able to be out on pleasant days. Her mother, Mrs. Buck, has returned to her home in Gorham, N. H.

Mrs. Ida Mountfort spent two days last week at her home in West Fairview.

Miss Maud Chesley of Rockfield is a guest of Rev. Menor B. Forbes. Miss

Chesley brought with her a box of gaily articles, aprons, paintings and many unique Christmas gifts, which she is showing at the home of Mrs. B. G. Lang.

Mrs. Ida Jacoby, Miss Agnes Gray and Miss Nellie Nicholson were in Lewiston, Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Barden is recovering from her recent illness, but is still at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jennie Currier, at Bryant's Pond.

Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes spent the day Friday with her friend, Mrs. West at South Paris.

Miss Clara Berry is gaining at a Portland hospital from her recent illness.

WEST GREENWOOD

Andie Cross and Lillian and Everett Cross took in the basketball game at Bryant's Pond, Friday evening.

John Deegan has four men cutting wood.

Mrs. Nellie Cross went to Bethel, Saturday, shopping.

Will Beams is cutting and yarding pine for Fred Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Machia were callers in town recently.

Frank Rainey is working for Arthur Cross.

Annie Cross was in this vicinity Sunday.

Practical Gift Suggestions

Luster Ware
Dishes, Pitchers

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ELECTRICAL GOODS--Irons, Toasters, Heaters, Lamps

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To delight the feminine eye, "Eaton, Crane and Pike's" in blue, pink, green, buff or plain white.

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In Xmas Dress
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Compens, Face Powder, Toilet
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Always appropriate. If she hasn't a manicure set, most assuredly she wants one, but before you invest, see the newest ones in shell, amber or ivory. They're here and priced within reason.

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in glass stoppered bottles or Flaconettes for the hand bag or boudoir. Also toilet water in attractive decorated bottles including Colgate's, Hudaunt's, 3 Flowers and Palmer.

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Folding Traveling Sets for men
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Our 1926 line of Standard Diaries are now on sale.

SMOKES

If he smokes, of course you can't go wrong on tobacco and we're featuring the niftiest assortment of smokers' gifts this year, you ever saw.

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We have the most complete showing in town of this new favored style, but make your selection today, for it is selling faster than assortment can be kept in fact.

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Latest works by the popular authors, also a very big assortment of Copyright Books. A few of the 75¢ Fiction left.

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Kate Cathrow, "Cattle Kate," owner of the Sky Line ranch, on her way to McKane's store at Caledonia, is infuriated by the sight of a girl plowing in a valley below, where a fine bull team is harnessed. The girl takes no notice.

CHAPTER II.—Nance Allison, the girl on whom Kate Cathrow had vented her spite, is with her widowed mother and crippled brother Bud, farming land taken up by her father, killed a short time before in a mysterious accident. She is the victim of a deliberate attempt to maim or kill him. Kate Cathrow wants the farm for pasture land, and is trying to trick the Allison into leaving.

CHAPTER III.—Big Basford, Sky Line rider, desperately in love with Kate, picks a quarrel with her fellow rider, Rod Stone. Kate, to part them, laces Basford across the face with a quirt.

CHAPTER IV.—Nance discovers in the cave a fine collar dog, evidently guarding a child. She tries in vain to overcome the dog's hostility and goes home mystified.

CHAPTER V.—Next day Nance returns to the cave with food and makes friends with the dog and the small boy, Sonny. He tells her "Brand" is the name of him and "Older" the name of his mother. Nance promises him to return next day with more "goodies."

CHAPTER VI.—Selwood is certain Kate Cathrow is the head of a "cattle rustling" gang, with Lawrence Arnold, her partner, who rarely visits the ranch. Minnie Kane, hunchback at the Sky Line ranch, is in love with Rod Stone.

CHAPTER VII.—Ranchers complain of the stealing of their cattle and blame Sheriff Selwood for his nominal inactivity.

CHAPTER VIII.—Nance, visiting Sonny and Dick in the cave, meets "Brand," and is favorably impressed. He tells her his name is Kate, which is also Sonny's, and obtains her promise to keep their presence a secret.

CHAPTER IX.—Nance becomes keenly interested in Brand and, after a while, is relying on a field of corn to pay off debts she owes McKane.

CHAPTER X.—Fair sees Bud Provine, one of the Sky Line ranch riders, in Blue Stone canyon, and tells Nance he and Sonny must move at once. The girl begs him to leave the boy with her, and he consents.

CHAPTER XI.—A few nights later, Kate Cathrow is turned into Nance's cornfield and the crop destroyed. The Allison realize the destruction is the work of Kate Cathrow.

CHAPTER XII.—Nance tells McKane of the disaster and her consequent inability to pay her debt to him. She pleads Kate's name and humbles her. Kate attempts to shoot her, but Selwood intervenes.

CHAPTER XIII.—Fair visits the Allison home and is warmly welcomed. He tells Nance he is in the cattle business and that he is looking for a partner. Nance is interested in the man by a fine shot, fired with deadly intent.

CHAPTER XIV.—A prospector, "John Smith," really Brand Fair, shows Sheriff Selwood the entrance to a pass in the hills through which Kate Cathrow and her riders drive the stolen cattle.

CHAPTER XV.—The Sky Line riders raid Basford's ranch, driving off a young head of cattle. Sheriff Selwood, on the watch since his talk with Fair, joins the riders and, without being detected, getting all needed evidence to convict Kate Cathrow and her partner, Lawrence Arnold, of crimes which will send them to prison for life. He is not to open it unless something happens to Fair.

CHAPTER XVI.—The Sky Line riders learn that Selwood, who they know was the spy they had shot, is not dead, though unconscious, and his recovery is looked for. Fair tells Nance of his love, and finds it is returned. He gives her a package, telling her it explains the reason for Sonny's conviction. Kate Cathrow and her partner, Lawrence Arnold, of crimes which will send them to prison for life. He is not to open it unless something happens to Fair.

CHAPTER XVII.—Sonny finds in the package left by Fair a letter in which Nance reveals the conclusion that the woman is Sonny's mother and the man is his father. Nance visits the Sky Line ranch.

"You don't fool," said Caldwell dispassionately, "and up and mind the business entrusted to you. Miss Allison, he said to Nance, "you're just the person we wanted to see. We were sent this morning to fetch you to Sky Line, so you may as well go along sensibly, for we'll take you anyway."

Nance rose to her feet.

"Then you'll have to take me," she said quietly, "for I'll not ride a step with anyone from Sky Line."

She swung into her saddle and struck her heels to Blackie's sides in a familiar hope of escape—little Redie, sleek and faithful.

Provine laughed again and dashed forward with a leap of his gray silver-up that put him close to Nance.

"All right, my girl," he said and caught her.

He tucked the little horse up the slope, Caldwell fell in close behind and in a matter of two minutes Nance Allison was a prisoner bound for Sky Line ranch.

The pink flush was gone entirely from her face, leaving it pale as wax. Her lips were faintly ashen.

"Help me, Lord!" she whispered in another. "Oh, my God, he not let from me!"

There was no fear in her, only a deep and surging anger that seemed to burn her lungs before for sufficient air. Her usually smiling lips were set straight in a thin line.

So, in silence, save for Provine's occasional jesting observations, they climbed the breast of the great ridge and presently struck into the well-worn trail which led direct to Sky Line.

At the broad steps to the right Nance was ordered to dismount. Provine took Buckskin and Caldwell motioned her to ascend the steps. With her head up and her mouth tight shut Nance Allison strode forward into the stronghold of her enemies.

The door was open, and she saw first only a pale darkness within as she stepped on the threshold.

Then, pushed forward by the foreman with a none too gentle hand, her eyes slowly became accustomed to the shadowy interior and, in spite of herself, they widened with amazement at the splendor she beheld.

A man was sitting on a broad couch, a cigarette in his fingers. He was a stranger to Nance, a stranger to the country, but she catalogued him swiftly as the man from New York of whom all Nameless had heard. He was slim and dark skinned, and the gray eyes set rather close together across the arch of the high-bridged nose, were the sharpest she had ever seen in a human.

A fox she had once seen caught in a trap had just such eyes.

They were cold and appraising, without a spark of kindness.

In one of the gorgeous chairs Kate Cathrow, dressed like a princess, sat bolt upright.

At sight of Nance in her faded garments, straight and defiant in her controlled anger, her handsome face flushed beneath its artistry.

"Ah!" she said, like a vixen, "get—out—of—that—door. Step over to the right a bit, you obscure the light."

The big girl did not move.

She stood with her hat pulled down above her narrowed eyes, one hand on her hip.

"If you've got anything to say to me," she said coldly, "say it."

Kate Cathrow leaped to her feet, but the man put out a hand and touched her.

As if a spring had been released she sank down, obeying that calm touch like an automaton.

"Miss—ah—Allison," said Arnold, "there is no need for dramatics. Neither will they avail you. I've wanted to see you—talk business with you. So I sent for you."

"So I see," said Nance, "or rather you kidnapped me."

"Not so decided, please. We don't like such words. They are—ah—crude, I might say."

"Not half so crude as you will find the methods of Nameless when this gets out, I guess," said Nance. "Heaven knows I don't amount to much, but I am likely to be a torch for a fry that's smoldering."

"We have extinguishers," smiled Arnold. "Sky Line is a pretty fair department, if I do say it. The thing for you to do just now is—think. I'll give you ten minutes."

"I don't need them," said Nance. "I've thought for several years—about my father's death—my brother's crippled body—my missing cattle—my burned stacks—and many other things. I'm thinking now about Sheriff Selwood—and Basford's latest loss."

The man's face hardened, yet a reluctant admiration drew a slight smile across it.

"You take liberties, Miss Allison. Are you not speaking in jest—a little—ah—afraid to speak so broadly?" Nance laughed bitterly, shifting her feet in their worn shoes.

"Affraid? No—not of you—nor of your hired rangers nor Cattle Kate, there, with her gun and her ten pence. I'm not afraid of anything but the wrath of God."

At that Arnold laughed outright.

"You have something yet to learn. I see. Very well, since you do not care to think I will outline briefly your situation. You know, of course, that you are at present in the power of Sky Line ranch. Remembering back ward you will come to the conclusion that there is a primal cause for this. Reasoning forward you will know that there is something which you can do for Sky Line, which it wants of you."

"Of course," said Nance, "the whole country knows that—my father on the river."

Arnold frowned.

He did not like that answer.

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STATE OF MAINE

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1925.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1925, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 2nd day of May, 1925, remain unpaid, and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Caledonia Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1926, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name	Description of Property	Tax	Charges
Andrews, Edwin	Frank Cummings Stand,	10.80	2.00
Hells of	Part L. W. Russell Land,	.90	2.00
Gridley, George A.	Land of W. W. Hastings Pasture,	10.80	2.00
Whitcomb, Isabelle	Orchard, Mill Hill,	14.40	2.00
	Frye Lot,	36.00	2.00
	Harris Lot,	180.00	2.00

D. M. FORBES,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

December 15th, 1925.

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STATE OF MAINE

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Bethel Village Corporation, in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1925.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Bethel Village Corporation aforesaid, for the year 1925, committed to me for collection for said Corporation on the 29th day of May, 1925, remain unpaid, and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at the Corporation Building in District No. 15, in said Corporation, on the first Monday in February, 1926, at half past nine o'clock A. M.

Name	Description of Property	Tax	Charges
Gridley, George A.	Land of W. W. Hastings Pasture	\$1.50	\$2.00
Whitcomb, Isabelle	Orchard Mill Hill,	2.40	2.00
	Frye Lot,	0.00	2.00
	Harris Lot,	39.00	2.00

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The man did not speak again, nor did Nance.

There came a shuffle and rattle of mud and the two Sky Line riders stood in the doorway of the room beyond, having come through the kitchen.

"Miss Allison," said Arnold, "I own the men of Sky Line, how or why is unimportant. What I tell them to do, they do. Am I not right, men?"

Provine nodded easily.

Big Basford spoke solemnly.

"Yes, sir," he said.

"All right. Now, my girl, consider. There is on Sky Line a secret place—"

"I've always thought so," said Nance decidedly.

"Be quiet. A place which the whole of Nameless is not likely to find, so mysteriously is its entrance hidden. One could live there for a lifetime undiscovered—or be taken out as it on wings—"

"Like Basford's disappearing sister?"

Arnold was exasperated, but held his temper.

"Remember," he said, "if you will, now consider again. You are a pretty fine specimen of a woman—quite likely to appeal to men—especially to men like Basford. (Nance's companion, ship—like Basford there."

Nance flung a glance at Basford. His smile faded, his face grew as thick of beard with the red-rimmed eyes above, was enough to chill the heart of any woman. The great ape-like body of his own throat. Her own interloper spirit felt a shock of horror, but that, deep anger in her left little room for fear."

She seemed to hear again Brand Fair's exultant words: "You'll never leave the line, Nance, never in this world!"

With a dogged courage heaving through the anger she looked back at Arnold.

"Well?" she said.

"Big Basford hasn't had a woman of his own for many moons, I know. Now—will you sign this deed—or will you go with Basford to Rainbow's pot—his blushing bride?"

Nance's breast was heaving. Great breaths clattered her lungs and whitened out again. Her hands were wet light, the fingers on her hat brim crimping the weathered felt.

She thought of her mammy—of Bud—of their long labor and the hardships they had borne. She thought of the cabin on Nameless—of its white scrubbed floors—its homely comfort—and all it meant to them and to her. It was her puppy's dream of empire. It had been here. She thought of Brand Fair and of Sonny. Of Brand and Bud who would cure start the fire in burning in all the lonely reaches at news of her disappearance—and—

"I'm as good as dead now," she said. "I'll take care of myself. I wouldn't sign that paper to save you and all your rattle from from eternal damnation! And that's my last word."

Arnold stopped his fingers.

"Enough," he said, "well see what a night in Rainbow's pot will do for you. Basford—my compliments. I give you the beautiful lady. Properly disciplined she'll make you a fine wife."

But Big Basford shook his unkempt head.

"She's a yellow woman," he said contemptuously. "I don't want her and his hungry eyes went happily toward the dark splendor of Kate Cathrow in her velvet chair."

Provine dashed forward, a sudden excitement in his snaky eyes.

"I do," he cried, "try me!"

Arnold laughed.

"To be continued."

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Name	Description of Property	Tax	Charges
Auger, Alex. L.	Homestead Farm,	\$57.60	\$1.00
	Part of E. B. Shaw Land,	5.40	1.00
Brooks, Geo. E.	Homestead Farm,	2.70	1.00
Collins, Charles	Homestead Lincoln St.,	4.50	1.00
Gedwin, Mrs. M. A.	Homestead Farm,	72.00	1.00
Grover, Mrs. Olive	Homestead, Chapman Street,	46.50	1.00
Hells of	Kilborn Land,	7.50	1.00
Grover, E. Payson	Homestead Farm,	50.40	1.00
	Hill and Pasture Lot,	10.80	1.00
	Meadow Lot, 33-1,	5.40	1.00
	N 1-2 Island,	14.40	1.00
	Homestead Farm,	21.60	1.00
	Orchard,	3.00	1.00
	Homestead Farm,	36.00	1.00
	Field and Barn,	108.00	1.00
	Homestead Farm,	33.40	1.00
	Homestead Farm,	10.80	1.00
	Proctor Homestead,	9.00	1.00
	Homestead Farm,	32.40	1.00
	Homestead Steam Mill,	43.20	1.00

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Name	Description of Property	Tax and Charges
Freeman	Lot 2, Range 10, one-fourth acre.	
	Land \$10.00; buildings, \$140.00,	\$14.17
W. A. Hayner	Lot 12, Range 11, 3 acres, land \$25.00,	7.98
John Westleigh	Lot 1, Range 11, 60 acres, land \$150.00,	14.17
Mrs. Roland Randall and		
Mrs. Flora Daugherty	Lot 13, Range 3, 20 acres, land \$200.00,	11.67
Ella Baker, Heira of and		
Abner Kimball	Lot 2, Range 3, 20 acres, land \$100.00,	7.87
Harry H. King	Lot 2, Range 3, 6 acres, land \$300.00; buildings \$800.00,	51.87

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Name	Description of Property	Tax and Charges
N. Mills Estate	Pasture and Timber, Lot 4, Range 1,	27.30
	Land \$100.00; buildings \$800.00,	51.87

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Name	Description of Property	Tax and Charges
Harry Amey	1-2 Lot 2, Range 2 on East Hill,	
	Situated at L. A. Fuller land,	\$18.00

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